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INFORMAL COMMUNICATION

Dear Ms. Leung:

As understood from our telephone conversation of yesterday, we tentatively have an appointment for an interview in the above-identified patent application. More specifically, the interview will be on Thursday, August 21, 2003 at 10:30 AM. As a reminder, its possible that two of our attorneys may be present at the interview.

Generally speaking, we would like to use this interview opportunity to correct any miscommunication which may be present between the Examiners and Applicants in this case. Hopefully, each of our positions can be clarified and agreements reached concerning differences between the present invention and the applied prior art.

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During the interview, we particularly propose to address at least the following issues:

- 1) We would like to discuss the newly applied rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 Proversus claims 1 and 35 40. More specifically, we were unable to determine what structure is being relied upon in these references to anticipate the recited a) means for recycling carbon dioxide; b) second reactor to convert methanol back to hydrogen and carbon dioxide, and c) the use of the hydrogen from the second reactor as set forth in at least claims 36 and 40.
- The motivation relied upon in combining the applied references.

Finally, depending upon the clarifications made, we may suggest some amendments to the claims if such action is appropriate.

After reading this communication, please confirm your availability on Thursday, August 21, 2003 at 10:30 am in order to conduct this interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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